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PACIFIC YEARLY MEETINGS OF THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

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Minutes of Executive Committee

Executive Committee of Pacific Yearly Meeting convened Saturday, March 4, 1973, at Friends House in Pasadena, California, headquarters for the Southwest Regional Office of the American Friends Service Committee. Hospitality was provided by Friends of Pacific Ackworth and Orange Grove Monthly Meetings.

The Committee managed all reports and actions during four separate sessions, opening with silence at 9:30 A.M. and closing with silence at 10:00 P.M. The Committee approved:

Acknowledging and reporting letters received by the Consultative Committee on Organization from Corvallis, Multnomah, East Side, Albuquerque and Flagstaff Monthly Meetings, as well as a similar letter from Arizona Half-Yearly Meeting, informing PYM of their withdrawal from affiliation with PYM. Their letters were referred to Yearly Meeting for final disposition.

An additional expenditure item for the Bulletin budget of $100 to provide additional funds for the purchase of addressing equipment. Funding was also approved to subsidize the travel and other expenses which the editor will incur in attending Intermountain Friends Fellowship and NPYM. Details of the funding are to be handled by the Treasurer and the Finance Committee.

An alteration of page two of the current Statistical Report Form which would allow the information on page two to be directed to the appropriate committees of PYM.

A letter to Herb and Ellie Foster of CPQM expressing our sadness over the recent death of their daughter, Joan, and her husband, Jim Gianera.

A change in the title of "Coordinator of Children's Programs" to "Coordinator of Educational Programs."

Attenders at PYM sharing the midday meal in the dining room at St. Mary's.

The reinstatement of the 10% late charge, and a PYM registration deadline of 6 July, 1973. Also approved was the assignment of the responsibility for appointment of the Registrar to the Nominating Committee.

The following persons to serve on the Ad Hoc Committee to Name the Nominating Committee: Asenath Young (Convenor), Richard Ernst, Jane Webster, Harry Bailey (Alternate). This committee is responsible for naming three members to the Nominating Committee and the Clerk of Nominating Committee, and is to make its report to the third session of Representative Committee.

The adoption of the title "clerk" for heads of all committees instead of "chairman," "chairwoman," or "chairperson."

The pro tem appointment of Lois Bailey as Clerk of Ministry and Oversight's Subcommittee on Visitation (subject to YM confirmation).

The pro tem appointment of Beach Langston (Clerk), Laura Smalakis and Miriam Swift as members of the Bulletin Committee.

Continuing the appointment of Margaret Jump as representative of PYM to FWCC; she is to continue even if NPYM wants her as its representative.

Encouraging PYM Nominating Committee to name or ask NPYM Nominating Committee to name NPYM Friends to serve as members of or hold some relation to PYM Discipline Committee, Bulletin Committee, and Nominating Committee.

Encouraging and supporting Nominating Committee in helping define the structure and method of appointment of PYM committees.

Ferner Nuhn, Ed Sanders and a woman from College Park Quarter to be named by Nominating Committee as pro tem members of a special committee on Faith and Life Conference to explore areas of commonality and difference between California and Pacific Yearly Meetings. California Yearly Meeting has already appointed three persons to serve on such a committee.

A change from two to three years as term of office of members of Ministry and Oversight, with terms to overlap, and a change from three to two years as term of office of members of Worship-Fellowship Subcommittee, also overlapping.

A change in working in the Discipline section on Marriage to read as follows: "The good order of

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Friends normally requires at least three months between sending of the request and the requested time of the wedding."

Affirmation that a request for membership should be read as soon as possible to the Monthly Meeting for Business.

Reaffirmation of the Yearly Meeting registration procedure as previously established and supported Ministry and Oversight in every way in its role of enforcement of this procedure.

The appointment of the following to the Yearly Meeting Agenda Review Committee: Clerk, Assistant Clerk, Clerk of the Bulletin Committee, Clerk of Ministry and Oversight, Clerk of Junior Yearly Meeting, Clerk of Young Friends.

The scheduling of Interest Groups by the Agenda Review Committee in the 3:30 P.M. time slot up to Tuesday evening. Other Interest Groups which may form after that time may meet at times other than the normal time slot scheduled for "official" Interest Groups, and will not receive announcements in the daily bulletin.

Nude swimming will not be authorized at PYM 1973 due to great disunity on this subject in the Yearly Meeting. An interest group will be scheduled on this topic during PYM and Monthly Meetings are urged to consider this question. Persons objecting to nude swimming are urged to attend the Interest Group.

PYM Budget Estimates

Clerks of committees and officers of PYM are asked to send budget estimates for the 1973-1974 fiscal year to the Finance Committee Clerk by June 30, 1973.

Although committee memberships will change and new activities may begin, estimates are needed for a tentative budget. These may be revised as firmer committee programs are developed at Yearly Meeting in July.

ISAIAH MEYER
Clerk, PYM Finance Committee

WANTED

One or two persons with friendly interests to rent Quaker House 2153 Vine Street, Berkeley, California during summer of 1973.
House fully equipped and furnished.
Write Ralph Powell at the above address.

—adv—

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Yearly Meeting Committee Reports

Herewith are reports delivered to Executive Committee during the sessions:

TREASURER: Robert Young reported to the Committee that the formula adopted at YM 1972 has been applied to departing Meetings, with a total of $1559 disbursed to six Meetings, approximately $8.35 per member. The expense fund is kept intact and will be divided equally among Robert Vogel, Judith Bruff, and Margaret Jump.

DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE: Lowell Tozer reported that the new Discipline (Faith and Practice), under revision since 1969, is now in final draft form, and will be published before YM 1973. The main repository for Faith and Practice will be 2160 Lake Street, San Francisco, California 94121.

FRIEND IN THE ORIENT: Stuart Innerst reported that Sang Dal Cha has not gone to South Korea due to the incredible police state restrictions in force there since Park became constitutional dictator in October, 1972. The Clerk of the Monthly Meeting in Seoul was arrested and tortured two years ago, and the present Clerk is under house arrest. Sang Dal Cha continued the report. He stated that he was in the grip of fear remembering the water treatment he received as a prisoner of the Japanese, that he was unduly concerned to accomplish a project (not waste our money), and that he had wanted to await a report from Janice Clevenger. He further stated that, after a sleepless night of meditation, he concluded that these concerns were mainly due to a weakness of his faith, and that he has decided to go.

FRIENDS SCHOOLS: Charles Croninger reported that John Woolman School is sponsoring a Theological Conference at the school July 26-30, 1973, under the deanship of Ann and William Scott, with the main speakers being T. Canby Jones and Tom Brown.

CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE ON ORGANIZATION: Gretchen Tuthill reported that letters of withdrawal have been received from Corvallis, Multnomah, East Side, Albuquerque and Flagstaff Monthly Meetings, as well as from Arizona Half-Yearly Meeting. University Meeting wrote that it was discussing dual membership. University Meeting's wish to hold dual affiliation was welcomed enthusiastically. Alice Dart's letter to PYM on the birth of NPYM was warmly and lovingly accepted. Gretchen also reported on a visit to New Mexico Friends made with Gretchen Rudnick on behalf of the CCOO. She noted that they learned something about the attitudes toward PYM held by some Friends in New Mexico: There is objection to the quota, to letters from the Nominating Committee, to the numerous concerns of YM, to the many Friendly activities which are not simple worship. NMQM Friends had few questions for the committee, wanted mainly to have the committee explain them to PYM. The committee feels its task is completed here.

PEACE COMMITTEE: Earle Reynolds reported that a called meeting of the committee was held December 27-28 attended by 36 persons from 13 Meetings. A letter on the bombing was drafted for public release and sent to Meetings as a paradigm. The regular meeting of the committee approved the Friends Journal editorial of February 1 suggesting that Yearly Meetings ask Richard Nixon to resign as a Friend and asked the Peace Committee Clerk to write a letter of support. The letter asked Richard Nixon to resign as a Friend and has received some criticism. The Yearly Meeting can respond to this suggestion if members and Meetings begin discussing it now, rather than waiting until PYM in July.

BULLETIN COMMITTEE: Peggy Spear reported that Dennis Durby has been appointed new editor of the Bulletin, and that monies would be needed to cover the editor's travel and room-and-board expenses to Intermountain Friends Fellowship and North Pacific Yearly Meeting. She also reported that attempts were being made to lower the cost of printing the Bulletin, a study undertaken by the former editor, Brent Howell.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Lee Steelman reported that small groups will be organized at YM to provide an opportunity to learn more about Friends' ways, as well as sex. The committee will co-opt Friends as resources persons, and the format does not provide for lectures. The YM Education Library is being catalogued, and Meetings are invited to send for materials.

FWCC Triennial

Representative of Pacific and North Pacific Yearly Meetings to the Friends World Committee Triennial in August (Margaret Jump, Judy Bruff, and Bob Vogel) are encouraging Meetings and individuals to discuss the agenda items and to share their insights and conclusions with their representatives.

Friends are asked to give the FWCC direction on World Resources, Mission and Service, Quaker Work at the United Nations, and Quaker Simplicity–New Ways of Living.

World Resources. The 1970 Triennial established the World Resources Group to bring before Friends the needs of the third world and to suggest ways and means whereby Friends may be involved. The FWCC office compiled a list of projects that might be supported by the "1% more" funds and conferences held on the task of Quakers in world development. Very little has resulted from these activities because the World Resources Group has not been able to meet, and it has not been able to arrive at corporate recommendations to Friends. As a result, the Triennial will have before it the proposal that the Group be laid down. Surely the conditions which led to this concern have become more critical during the last three years. Do Friends see a role for the FWCC or do Friends feel they are doing all they can through existing channels?

Mission and Service. The last world conference proposed an extended role for FWCC in developing international communication and cooperation among the Quaker mission and service agencies, each with its own program emphasis and attitude toward theology. The Sydney Triennial will have before it the recommendations of the Conference on International Mission and Service held in January, 1973 in London. Participants minuted their unity "in the view that our total commitment in both mission and service is to the leading of the Holy Spirit." Recommendations included (1) that in our ministry to the whole man we emphasize the interrelated issues of peace, social justice and good race relations; (2) that in considering projects abroad where local Quaker groups exist consultation be carried on prior to undertaking any project, proper scope be given for local initiative and staff be selected who are properly prepared to cultivate cordial personal relationships built on the basis of worship and spiritual fellowship: (3) that FWCC's role be strengthened by developing its consultative and information sharing functions including mutual assistance in filling openings for Quaker service and mission; (4) the continuing development of multi-national work and the use where appropriate of the term "Quaker Service" for service-oriented projects; (5) consultation where another Quaker agency is already involved in a given country; (6) intervisitation among mission and service bodies.

Quaker Work at the United Nations. Representatives at the Sydney Triennial will be asked to review both the substantive issues before the United Nations and the relationship between the FWCC and Quaker organizations concerned with the UN. Among the subjects are conscientious objection as a human right, UN volunteers, human environment, and the functions of FWCC, AFSC, and Friends Service Council in UN work.

Quaker Simplicity–New Ways of Living. In a challenging paper, John Sexton lays before Friends the premise that "the root of our Society's present dilemma lies in its surrender to the values of materialism with all the inherent evils. We have placed our security in the goods and riches of this world and not in the teachings of Jesus or scripture in regard to the treasure of our lives." He asks us to consider these queries: "Do our schools reflect for child and adult the urgent need of a world perspective, cognizant of values in our rich diversity, training in the practical arts for vocational competence, instilling foundations of service, humility and frugality? Does our love of country and its ecological future combat a narrow exploitative nationalism? Are we making the effort to know and love our neighbor, the stranger and the enemy, or are we complacent in our isolation, frightened of the call to respond?"

He suggests we begin by simplifying our own lives by promoting an extended family life through simplicity of dress, food and vocations, the sharing of purse and suffering.

If you wish a set of background papers, consult the Clerk of your Meeting or send fifty cents to Robert S. Vogel, PYM-FWCC Convenor, 1678 Casitas Avenue, Pasadena, California 91103 to cover cost of duplication and mailing. Reports of discussions, minutes, and individual concerns should also be sent to Robert Vogel before Yearly Meeting.

ROBERT S. VOGEL

R E G I S T R A T I O N I N F O R M A T I O N

27TH PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

ST MARYS COLLEGE OF CALIFORNIA
Moraga, California
July 31 - August 4, 1973
Representative Committee Meeting July 30

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GENERAL INFORMATION

The Registration Form for this year is designed to be separated from the *Bulletin* so that the instructions and information about this year's PYM is left for reference.

School Grade, age, and sex are solicited so that statistical reports may be prepared, and so that a variety in assignment of attenders to Early Morning Programs may be attained. This information is also used in the selection of room-mates for those sharing a room with a non-family member as well as for placement of young attenders in an appropriate youth program.

Early Morning Programs meet from 8:30 A. M. to 9:45 A. M. daily. Worship Fellowship Groups combine discussion with silent worship. Unprogrammed Worship is a daily silent meeting. Junior High Dialog is designed for students who will be in grades 7 through 9 in September 1973. Junior High students may sign up for other Early Morning Programs, but other age individuals may not attend Junior High Dialog except as a group leader.

Youth Program assignments are made on the basis of school grade in September 1973. All students registering will be placed in a program appropriate to that grade unless the parent indicates an exception in the place provided on the Registration Form. Those below sixth grade will be placed in a children's program; those in grades 6 through 9 will be placed in a Junior High Program; those in grades 9 through 12 will be placed in the High School Program; and those under the first grade will be placed in childcare. *Please note that a student entering the ninth grade may choose between the Junior High Program and the High School Program.* Place a check mark in the column selecting the desired program. In the event no selection is made, the student will be placed in the Junior High Program.

Physical Accomodations are similar to prior years. Dormitory rooms and camping will be available. All dormitories except Justin are room combinations with connecting bath. Rooms usually have two or four bed in them. Camping will be restricted to the eucalyptus grove near the athletic fields. Great damage to this grove has been caused by freezing weather, and fire danger will be extreme. No open fires will be permitted, but camp stoves and similar cooking devices are permissable. Blankets for those in the dormitories will be provided by the College. Sheets and pillow cases will be provided by a contract linen service at the registration desk. It is recommended that rather than bringing your own sheets and pillow cases that you avail yourself of this service which is included in the fees. Towels are available from the linen service contractor at an additional cost payable on registration.

The High School Dormitory will be in Justin Hall this year. Dorm monitors will be assigned to the High School Dorm on the basis of one monitor for every ten High School Dorm registrants. Only those who will be in grades 10 through 12 in September may elect assignment of rooms in the High School Dorm.

Meals will be provided by SAGA Food Service and served in the College Dining Commons. Arrangements have been worked out with the SAGA manager so that thos who are not buying meals may bring their own food into the dining hall for fellowship with friends. In order to obtain this arrangement, PYM will be charged for everyone entering the dining room for the noon meal. Everyone is, therefore, encouraged to purchase the lunch. As you will note under RATES, the most economical way to purchase meals is the full-meal packet. Prices of individual meals is quite a bit higher than the package. SAGA assures us again this year that excellent vegetarian meals will be provided. The general increase in cost of living is reflected in this year's meal costs.

A space for the addresses of *Sponsored Junior Friends* has been provided on the Registration. A medical release form is required for every sponsored friend under the age of 18. This form is available from the clerks of monthly meetings and should accompany the Registration.

An Emergency Address and telephone number is requested to be used only in the event of of serious illness or accident during Pacific Yearly Meeting.

Pets of any kind will not be permitted on the St Mary's campus. If your plans make bringing a pet to PYM a necessity, so indicate on the Registration Form, and arrangements for boarding at a local kennel will be arranged for you, at your expense.

Mail Completed Registration not later than July 13, 1973 to avoid a late fee. Mail to:-

Frank J. Burnham
Registrar PYM
P. O. Box 602
Reno, NV 89504

'Phone (702) 825-6566

RATES AND CHARGES

Charges are based on either the 5-day period beginning with supper on July 30 through lunch on August 4, or for the 4-day period beginning with supper on July 31 and ending with lunch on August 4, 1973. An additional Registration Fee is also applicable.

Registration Fee is $1.00 for children age four through grade 2. All others except Junior Friends will be charged a $3.00 registration fee. Junior Friends Meeting has requested an additional $5.00 fee be requested from Junior Friends. This fee will be used to defray the program costs of the Junior Friends Program. It is requested that this be mailed in with the Registration From. If a Junior Friend cannot afford this fee, only the $3.00 registration fee will be assessed. Junior Friends Meeting wants the Registrar to emphasize that the $5.00 additional fee is to be voluntary on the part of Junior Friends. No fees of any kind will be assessed against children under age four.

Camping Charges remain as last year, $5.00 per person to a maximum of $20.00 per family group regardless of length of stay. Campers may arrive not earlier than July 30 nor remain after August 4.

Room and Board for registrants attending for five days is $50.00 for children age four through 12, and $55.00 for all others to a family maximum of $250.00. For those attending for four days the rate is $40.00 for children age four to 12, and $44.00 for all others to a family maximum of $200.00. Sponsored Junior Friends may not be counted as a part of a family maximum. Registration fees are additional and are not included when computing the family maximum.

Campers and Day Attenders may purchase meals for the entire period at the rate of $20.00 for four days and $25.00 for five days. Individual meals, including lunch on July 31, may be purchased in advance at the following rates:- Breakfast - $1.50, Lunch - $2.00, and Supper - $3.00.

A *Deposit* equal to the registration fee for each registrant is expected with each Registration Form received. Junior Friends fees should also be added. As soon as the Form is received, charges will be figured, and a confirming assessment sheet sent to you. This will let you know that we have your registration, understand what you want, and tell you the amount expected upon final registration.

A Late Fee of ten per-cent of assessed charges will be made for all registrations bearing a postmak later than July 13, 1973. Refunds for those who find it necessary to change their minds after sending in a registration will be made promptly.

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NAME OF PERSON TO CONTACT ABOUT THIS REGISTRATION	
STREET ADDRESS	
CITY STATE AND ZIP CODE	
TELEPHONE NUMBER (Include Area Code)	
MEETING AFFILIATION	

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Representative Committee, July 30, 1973

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Alcohol, Illegal Drugs, and Pets are not permitted at Pacific Yearly Meeting. Submission of this Registration indicates that you accede to this requirement.

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EMERGENCY ADDRESS	
NAME	
STREET	
CITY & STATE	
TELEPHONE	

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

If the Monthly Meeting will be assisting in any of the costs of this family, please indicate the amount of this assistance which is not to be assessed the family. $_____

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Clerk, or appointed Meeting Representative, who is endorsing this family's attendance, sign above.

TRAVEL & TRANSPORTATION			
Date & Time Arriving			
Date & Time Departing			
If you need to be met at a terminal please attach particular details.			
4-day Meal Package?		5-day Meal Package?	
Individual Meals for:-			

VOLUNTEER SERVICES	
Would you help with any of the folowing on a limited time basis.	
Sports Program?	
Junior High Program?	
Children's Program?	
Child Care?	
First Aid?	
Clerical?	Communications?

SPECIAL REQUESTS
Trouble with Stairs?
Need a ground floor room?
Need to be near the nursery?
Need to have pet boarded?
Object to sharing room with smoker?

LIST BELOW THE MEMBERS OF YOUR FAMILY GROUP WHO WILL BE ATTENDING THE 1973 PYM

	NAMES			MEETING AFFILIATION	SEX	AGE	SCHOOL GRADE SEPT 1973	HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM	JUNIOR HIGH PROGRAM	EARLY MORNING			HOUSING WISHES			
	FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL							WORSHIP FLWSHIP	UNPROG-RAMMED	JR HIGH DIALOG	HIGH SCH-OOL DORM	FAMILY DORM	CAMPING	DAY AT-TENDING
FAMILY MEMBERS																
SPONSORED JUNIOR FRIENDS	*Name:-*															
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Ministry and Oversight Report

Ministry and Oversight made a lengthy report to Executive Committee following a two day retreat-meeting preceding the Committee session. The Committee reported:

1. Revisions in the structure of M and O and the Worship-Fellowship Subcommittee, such that terms of office for M and O members would be three years, overlapping, and Worship-Fellowship Subcommittee members' terms of office would be two years, overlapping.

2. The Subcommittee on Visitation is planning to do some active work.

3. The tentative formation of a working party to prepare a working paper on homosexuality, with Larry Jackson clerking this ad hoc group. The subcommittee will have four other members and will meet twice before YM.

4. The preparation of a booklet of advices on death, burial and memorials, with the expansion of the mailing of last fall by the Committee. A draft will be ready by YM, and Margaret Brooks will clerk this project.

5. The reissuing and updating of the advice on marriage done in 1966-1967, with a change in wording as approved by Executive Committee.

6. A concern that membership applications are not being read publicly before some Monthly Meetings prior to consideration by the appropriate committee; it was suggested that Friends may not be in a position to judge what is or is not a "good" letter of application.

7. M and O again offered to lay down its responsibility for the Sharing Fund, pointing out that there have been no requests for the Fund's monies since its establishment. In case of request, M and O will follow normal procedure, which includes confidentiality of all applications and decisions on applications. M and O would view dimly pressure for the disbursement of funds from the Executive Committee.

8. The committee has endorsed the Theological Conference at John Woolman School July 26-30.

9. The concern over the difficulty resulting from a breakdown in registration procedures at YM 1972, wherein Junior Yearly Meeting overruled M and O in allowing unsponsored junior-aged individuals to remain at Yearly Meeting after being escorted off-campus at the direction of the committee. The Junior Yearly Meeting Advisors "met the situation." All agreed that this or a similar incident would not arise again.

10. Discussed the problem of closed Interest Groups at last year's YM. While recognizing that some Friends feel the need for closed meetings on particular subjects, such meetings are contradictory to the principles of Friends, and "official" YM Interest Groups should be open to any and all wishing to attend.

11. Worship-Fellowship Groups will be retained in their present form as they are a unifying Quaker experience peculiar to YM. Other kinds of activities may happen at odd times, either during Interest Groups or evenings or early mornings. Worship-Fellowship Groups will meet for full sessions each of the four days of YM, rather than three as in the past.

12. M and O could find no good reason to prohibit nude swimming; just as people have worshipped through dance, yoga, walks in the hills, singing, some Friends may find worship through nude swimming a meaningful religious experience. There is no inherent value here contrary to Friends' principles. However, given the feelings of various Friends, we would do best to do without it, or let it rest as an unofficial activity for those who are interested.

Meetings

Davis Meeting reports that it has scheduled a retreat at Ben Lomond for April 27, 28, 29. The Meeting further reports that it is buying four shares of Honeywell Stock to be voted at the April stockholders meeting for the Ecumenical Peace Institute's platform. The Meeting has an agreement with the Free Clinic in Davis allowing the Clinic to use the Meetinghouse Wednesday afternoons, Tuesday and Friday evenings.

Orange Grove Monthly Meeting reports that the Wednesday noon Peace Vigil begun by members of that Meeting nearly six years ago has been laid down at last, due to the signing of the treaty in January. However, the Vigil may be reinstituted in the event a similar concern arises in the future.

Memorial

LISELOTTE URSELL SELKER. Monday night, February 5, Lisa Selker died in Longview, Washington. We must share our great loss. After the children had recovered from bouts with the flu, Lisa got it worse than anyone. She lost 15% of her body weight. She liked the slendering effect, but couldn't dispel her cough, nor an ensuing depressed state. She was loving and protective and raised the spirits of those around her. But she herself had a terrible downswing in her own spirits. Her feelings of the bad state of the world gave her no peace. The peace Lisa longed for is now hers.

In a letter of February 2 she noted that she was sick, but also mentioned lovingly her nice and helpful neighbors and friends. In her annual Christmas letter the children and the farther-away friends were mentioned appreciatively. The letter closed with a proverb: "It is natural and right to help one another."

Lisa gave her body to give eyesight to one, hearing to another, and for other use in medical research. She had expressed the wish that the AFSC be the recipient of anything people may like to give in her memory. A "Lisa Peace Worker Fund" will provide maintenance for a college student or other person each summer in peace work of the AFSC.

A Memorial Meeting for Worship, in memory of Lisa, was held February 18, 1973, at 3 PM in Saint Stephen's Church, at Longview, Washington. Lisa was a member of Multnomah Monthly Meeting.

THE SELKER FAMILY

Meetings

Berkeley Meeting reports that Senator Fred Harris (Oklahoma) has started a Tax Action Campaign to push for reform of the tax laws which presently benefit the very rich and are heavy on middle income people. Congressman Dellums is named on the Advisory Committee for this campaign. Interested persons may write to Tax Action Campaign, 1921 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006.

". . . having searched its heart," Marin Monthly Meeting wrote to the Nobel Peace Prize Committee in February to make known the Meeting's concern about the nomination of Richard M. Nixon for the Nobel Peace Prize. The Meeting recommended to the Committee that the Prize be awarded to one of the other persons on the list of nominees, "whose deeds and words correlate so beautifully."

People

In a letter directed to Friends from College Park Quarterly Meeting Ministry and Oversight Committee, Catherine Bruner writes:

"By now you must have learned of the tragedy which has come to Ellie and Herb Foster, and their family. On January 25 their daughter Joan Gianera and her husband Jim were murdered in Santa Cruz. Joan's year-and-a-half-old baby Monica was with Ellie and so escaped the murderer.

"The Fosters now have Monica to bring up, a tremendous consolation to them but an added responsibility. As we all know, they have never lived to make money; so to try to be of ongoing help the Santa Cruz Meeting is setting up what they call the "Monica Fund." They feel that many who love the Fosters will want to contribute to the fund and have asked me to let you know.

"Contributions can be sent by check made out to Santa Cruz Meeting marked for the "Monica Fund," care of the Meeting treasurer, Calvin Cope, 2200 Pleasant Valley, Aptos, CA 95003.

"Please tell your Meetings about the Fund and hold the Fosters in the Light and in your love. Ellie called to say, 'We are alright . . . The Meeting has been like an ocean holding us up.' May we join them."

Meetings

Multnomah Meeting approved the following minute at its January Business Meeting: "Multnomah Monthly Meeting reaffirms its conviction that it is important for North Pacific Yearly Meeting to provide for the Ministry and Oversight function. We are open to ways in which this can be done. Multnomah Monthly Meeting feels that the Quarterly Meeting Ministry and Oversight Committees can provide this for the Monthly Meetings for NPYM, but this will require these Ministry and Oversight Committees to assume greater responsibility and the Monthly Meetings must be prepared to provide the necessary support. We also feel that some provision must be made for the Ministry and Oversight function at the Annual Gathering of NPYM and agree that an ad hoc committee of those members of Monthly Meeting and Quarterly Meeting Ministry and Oversight Committees who are attending the Annual Session could do this."

Keeping Our Hearts Open

(The following is a minute of the Ministry and Oversight of College Park Quarterly Meeting, held January 12-14, 1973, at Ben Lomond.)

In the exchange of experiences and concerns which has gone on amongst us at this conference we find in common a great sense of responsibilities of Ministry and Oversight and a great devotion to the life of the Meetings as worshipping communities and as groups of persons trying to get along with each other. We speak often of our common problems, but because of location and facts of endowment, such as whether you have a Meetinghouse or not, or a large community to draw from, Meetings differ markedly in character and spiritual life.

Personal abrasiveness and personal hurts we all experience. The problem of the person with a need to use the Meeting is common to us all. We feel new members and attenders need to be better informed of the ways of Friends in Worship and Business. We are nearly all of us convinced Friends who have come together by different roads and with different reactions against where we once were. So we have difficulty naming God and understanding the place of Jesus, not only in the Quaker and Christian traditions but in our present Society. We have to accept our differences, asking essentially of ourselves and of new people seeking membership that we keep our hearts open to new understanding and to new insight into the time-tested Testimonies.

Our answers to the first question: "How can we improve the spiritual life of our Meetings?" are not new but can still be tried and adapted to our own situations: retreats; study groups; leaflets explaining Quaker faith and practice; other Meetings in addition to Worship to take off some of the pressure felt if Friends come together only for Worship; the ancient advice, "Come with hearts and minds prepared;" trying to make clear the differences between a spontaneous message and an impulsive one; but never to be so anxious that we underestimate the healing power of the Meeting.

In the second discussion period: "On Membership, its responsibilities, criteria for new membership, and what actions are appropriate if members fail expectations," we said:

Early Meetings drew up their membership lists from the lists of those who had suffered for Truth, most commonly by imprisonment or confiscation of property. We make our lists otherwise. But most of us feel that the process of formalizing membership has value. It is a commitment comparable to the commitment of marriage, a way of saying, "I can be counted on." One said, "I joined for the sake of the Meeting;" and another, saying the same thing in a different way, "I joined because I found that in Meeting I was becoming a free-loader."

Members who fail to give anything of themselves to Meeting for a long period, defined by one Meeting as five years, should have their membership terminated. The Meeting suffers, even though superficially it appears that absence should make no difference.

In the area of personal problems: Our interpersonal troubles are not only similar in all Meetings in these distraught times, but not really so different from those of early Friends. George Fox and the early ministers also found themselves coping with the too humanly limited, the hysterical, the burdened. Perhaps it is something that has come down to us from them that makes us feel so strongly that Meeting members have family ties and duties. Ministry and Oversight Committees are not appointed to go on a "power trip," as it sometimes seems, but to reach out with courage and love ("agape" of the New Testament, translated as "willed caring") wherever need appears.

We found the paper on "The Helping Process," prepared in 1962 by the Pacific Yearly Meeting Ministry and Oversight Committee, helpful. We found ourselves stressing the importance of listening with whole attention, remembering that we are not to give advice and are to know our limits of expertise and where to seek professional help.

Finally all this care: Because we love our Meetings and see them as potential carriers of the message of early Friends that there is a "universal and saving Light" for all humankind, in whose path we are called to walk however falteringly.

People

Davis Meeting announces that a co-op of young Friends and other young people in Davis will be starting soon, with Chuck Brown, Caroline Draper, Rich Draper, Anne Wyckoff and Megan Mersman occupying a house together.

Births

To Heidi and Dave Spencer of University Meeting on January 16, 1973, a daughter, Tanya Anna, weighing in at 6 pounds and 10 ounces.

Orange Grove reports the birth of Arline Fern Hiatt, newly-arrived daughter of Herschel and Gracia (Hobson) Hiatt, on January 15, 1973, weighing 7 pounds, 15 ounces, and 21 inches long. Grandparents are Arline and Arthur Hobson of Pima Monthly Meeting.

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